

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[37] The middle tier 206 is implemented with a plurality of Federated Java™ (trademark of Sun Microsystems, Inc.) beans. These beans comply with the Federated Management Architecture (FMA) Specification 1.0, a Java technology-based component architecture and management services for automated, dynamic network management developed by Sun Microsystems, Inc. The FMA specification provides a standard for communication between applications, services and devices across a heterogeneous network, which enables developers to create solutions for complex distributed environments. The FMA Reference Implementation (RI) source code is available at <http://java.sun.com/aboutJava/communityprocess/final.html> the Java website maintained by Sun Microsystems, Inc.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[39] In addition, the Jiro™ technology provides a lookup service that is used to register and locate all Jiro™ technology services, including both base and dynamic services, that are available in a management domain. Details of the Jiro™ framework and its use are available in the “Jiro™ Technology SDK Programmer’s Reference Manual” available at <http://www.jiro.com> the Jiro website maintained by Sun Microsystems, Inc., which manual is incorporated by reference in its entirety.